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CLAIMS:

- 1. Method for determining contamination in a printer (10), especially from a fixing aid, comprising:
- determining contamination by evaluation of the register of a print of printer (10).
 - 2. Method according to Claim 1, wherein detecting marks (4) of the prints, and determining a register error from the recorded marks (4).
 - 3. Method according to Claim 2, wherein after reaching a certain level of register error, a cleaning run of the printer (10) is started.
- 4. Method according to Claim 1, wherein in multicolorprinting, the register error of each color is determined.
 - 5. Method according to Claim 1, wherein in contamination of the printer (10) is determined by evaluation of the register in the transport direction of conveyor belt (1) of printer (10).
 - 6. Printer comprising: a control device (20) for evaluation of the register for determining contamination of the printer (10), especially by a fixing aid.